

The report of the committee on public works was taken up.

Mr. Merryman said the chairman of the committee, (Mr. Barnes,) who was very anxious to be present when this report was taken up, was necessarily absent today, and he would, therefore, move to postpone the consideration of the report until tomorrow.

Mr. McKaig said the Convention on Friday had refused to listen to a motion to postpone this report at the instigation of the eloquent gentleman from Howard, (Mr. Merrick,) who had said that the private interests of any member should not weigh a feather against the public interest. He (Mr. McK.) had important business in Baltimore today, but in consequence of this he had returned, and was now ready that the discussion should go on. The chairman of the committee could not take much interest in the matter, or he also would be here.

Mr. Marbury hoped the matter would not be postponed, as he understood a number of gentlemen had prepared elaborate arguments on the subject.

The motion to postpone was disagreed to.

Mr. Alvey then moved that the Convention resolve itself into committee of the whole on this subject, as it was impossible to be properly discussed in the brief time allowed to the speakers by the rules.

Mr. McKaig said it would be impossible to give the necessary information in fifteen minute speeches.

The motion to go into committee of the whole was agreed to, and Mr. Dent, of St. Mary's, was called to the chair.

The article was then read, though no amendment was offered to section 1.

Section 2 was then taken up.

Mr. Syester moved an amendment to strike out all after the word "creditor" to the word "they" in the eighth line, and insert, "and shall represent and vote the stock of the State of Maryland in all meetings of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and shall appoint the directors in every railroad or canal company